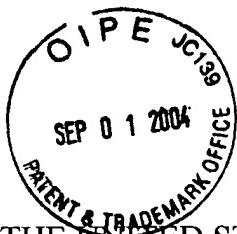


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Sir:

The Domestic Priority Data of the above-identified application, as it appears on the Official Filing Receipt, is incorrect. The Domestic Priority Data should read as follows:

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and not "this application is a CON. Of U.S. Application No. 09/581,174 09/05/2000 PAT 6,662,610 which is a 371 of PCT/JP98/05745 12/18/1998' as it appears on the Filing Receipt. Also attached, please find a copy of the incorrect Official Filing Receipt with the

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requested change noted thereon.

Please also find attached a Supplemental Application Data Sheet with the correct desired benefit claim indicated thereon. **Applicants note that an Application Data Sheet was not filed with the present application; however, the correct desired benefit claim on the attached Supplemental Application Data Sheet is identical to the desired benefit claim as it appeared in the first sentence of the specification, as filed.** In this regard, as explained below, Applicants submit that the benefit claim indicated in the Official Filing Receipt does not correspond to the desired benefit claim indicated in the first sentence of the specification, as filed. As a courtesy, Applicants have also submitted a copy of the first page of the application, as filed, with the first sentence of the specification highlighted.

Accordingly, please correct the Domestic Priority Data of the above-identified application as contained on the Official Filing Receipt to read as follows:

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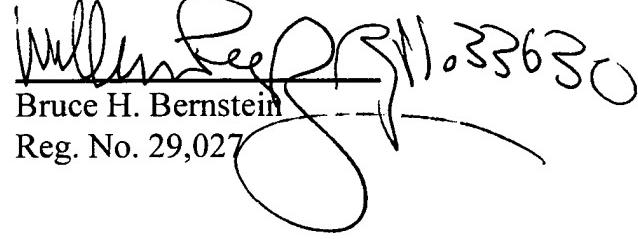
2004 to correct the Official Filing Receipt as indicated above. However, on August 19, 2004, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued a “Response to Request For Corrected Filing Receipt”, in which it was indicated that Applicants must amend the first sentence of the specification or provide a supplemental application data sheet to indicate the desired benefit claim. Applicants respectfully direct the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the first sentence of the specification, as filed, which correctly indicates the desired benefit claim as indicated above. Thus, there is no error in the first sentence of the specification. In this regard, the benefit claim indicated in the Official Filing Receipt does not correspond to the desired benefit claim indicated in the first sentence of the specification, as filed, which is the problem Applicants are attempting to correct. In other words, Applicants respectfully submit that correction is required for the Official Filing Receipt, and not the first sentence of the specification, because the Official Filing Receipt does not properly include the information indicated in the first sentence of the specification, as filed.

Applicants do not believe that any further fee is dues since the errors are not the fault of the Applicant.

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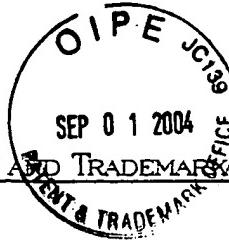
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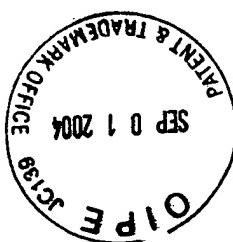
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.76(c)(2), Applicant submits herewith a Supplemental Application Data Sheet [hereinafter "SADS"] in which only the information to be changed is identified, i.e., Domestic Priority Data. However, to assist Patent and Trademark Office personnel and to ensure that this SADS is associated with the appropriate file, the following fields are also completed: Application number and filing date; the Attorney docket number; and the Customer number.

Applicant notes that the SADS attached hereto correctly identifies the Domestic Priority Data as **---this application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/320,689, filed 12/17/2002 which is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/581,174 filed**

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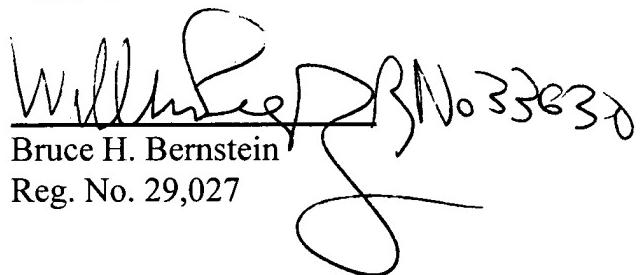
page of the application).

Accordingly, Applicant requests entry of the attached SADS to ensure that the identified information is accurately printed on the face of the printed patent.

If there are any questions with regard to this submission, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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DESCRIPTION

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Technical Field

The present invention relates generally to bending method and bending system and more particularly to bending 15 method and bending system achieved by taking into account a spring back and elongation which accompany bending.

Background Art

Conventionally, when a sheet material is bent, generally, a bending angle of the sheet material W is 20 measured to confirm a processing accuracy. That is, if a bending load is removed from the sheet material W being bent, the sheet material W is returned to its original shape due to a spring back as shown in Fig.1. Thus, if the bending angle does not reach its object angle, 25 corrective bending is further carried out so as to carry